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An in vitro method of determining the protection efficacy of a substance (P) against a cutaneous photobiological phenomenon caused by exposure to solar radiation, said photobiological phenomenon having an action spectrum  $S(\lambda)$ , the method comprising determining a dynamic absorption spectrum  $DO(\lambda,t)$  representing the variation in the absorption spectrum of the substance as a function of duration of exposure to a source of radiation emitting in the ultraviolet, and calculating the protection efficacy of the substance against said photobiological phenomenon on the basis of said dynamic absorption spectrum.